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For: NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS  
PROPHYLACTIC, THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 1, 2004, entry and consideration of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE), the following amendments and remarks, and return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, are requested.